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SUBJECT: ANTI-BRITISH ASPECTS OF LIBYAN COUP.

1. ONE OF NOTEWORTHY ASPECTS OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION IS ANTI-BRITISH ATTITUDE OF SEVERAL OF YOUNGER OFFICERS WHO APPEAR TO BE RUNNING SHOW. THREE DIFFERENT YOUNG LIEUTENANTS OR CAPTAINS HAVE EXPRESSED TO ME DURING PAST FIVE DAYS THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH BRITISH EQUIPMENT, WHICH THEY BELIEVE IS SECOND-RATE AND IS BEING FORCED ON THEM FOR POLITICAL REASONS. AT SAME TIME, THEY HAVE STRESSED THEIR ADMIRATION FOR US EQUIPMENT AND METHODS AND DESIRE TO WORK WITH US. MANY OF THESE YOUNG OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN US (LACKLAND, FORT GORDON AND FORT MONMOUTH HAVE BEEN MENTIONED) AND ALL HAVE INDICATED THEY ENJOYED AND BENEFITTED FROM IT.

2. CLOSE IDENTIFICATION OF UK WITH KING IDRIS AND AND CYDEFI
ALSO WEAKENS ITS POSITION WITH NEW REGIME. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE
SOMEWHAT UNFAIR TO BRITISH

BRITISH ARE NEVERTHELESS ASSOCIATED IN MINDS OF SOME YOUNG OFFICERS NOW IN CONTROL HERE WITH UN-FAVORABLE ASPECTS OF OLD REGIME AND WITH CYDEF, WHICH WAS ARMY'S ARCH RIVAL

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NEVER BEEN POPULAR WITH THEM.

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